GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IT RETURN FORM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem under caption "Aaikar Vibhag Ki Kamai Se Jyada Kharch Par Nazar', published in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated June 03, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective measures taken by the Government to simplify the Income Tax Return and to make the Income tax department free from corruption?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The news item refers to the new Income-tax Return Form No.2F. This form is essentially an expanded version of the existing Naya Saral so as to provide more space to fill out the details. The form also seeks a 'cash flow statement' regarding receipts and outgoings during the year. However, details of each receipts or outgoings are not required to be filled out. This statement is intended to protect the salaried taxpayers from any intrusive investigation.

(c) Detailed instructions and worksheets (Schedules) have been provided in the new income-tax return forms so as to facilitate easy filling of the details. The new forms are fully compatible with electronic filing. Further, various work processes of the Income-tax Department have been computerised so as to reduce the interface with the taxpayers.